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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a continuation of international application number

PCT/JP00/05462, filed August 14, 2000, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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